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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Jean-Yves VION-DURY et al.

Group Art Unit: 2151

Application No.: 10/046,314

Examiner: J. WALSH

Filed: January 16, 2002

Docket No.: 111171

For: SYMMETRICAL STRUCTURAL PATTERN MATCHING

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the March 28, 2006 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, please consider the following Remarks.


The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment alleges that Applicants' December 28, 2005 Amendment does not comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 because Applicant has not indicated where support for new claim 18 may be found. There is no requirement in 37 C.F.R. §1.121 that support for claim amendments must be identified (See §1.121(c), discussing amendments to the claims). Accordingly, Applicants' December 28, 2005 Amendment fully complies with 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Applicants respectfully request prompt and favorable consideration of the December 28, 2005 Amendment.

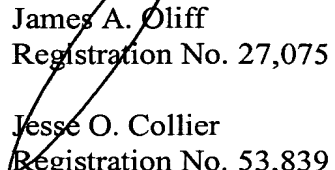
If the Examiner feels that new claim 18 is not supported in the specification, the proper response is not a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, but rather a rejection of claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph (see MPEP §§2163.01 and 2163.06). However, Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 18 is supported by at least the original claims;

page 2, lines 13-15 and 24-34; page 3, lines 6-10; page 15, line 30 - page 16, line 2; page 26, line 37 - page 27, line 9; page 35, lines 2-8; and page 35, line 24 - page 36, line 2. Thus, a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is unwarranted.

As the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was improper, Applicants respectfully request prompt and favorable consideration of the December 28, 2005 Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,


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